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For : Compact Peripheral Component Interconnect Keyed Filler Panel

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 31, 2003, Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration of the above captioned patent application in view of the arguments set forth below.

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Remarks

Rejection Under 35 USC 112

Claim 5 has been rejected under 35 USC 112 second paragraph as being indefinite. The rejection alleges that the use of the term "VersaModular Eurocard" renders the claim indefinite because the owner of this term could change its meaning at any time. The "VersaModular Eurocard standard" is an established standard used in industrial, commercial and military applications worldwide. The VME standard defines the mechanical specifications such as board dimensions, connector specifications and